

Remarks

The USPTO stated that a document filed with the USPTO on December 15, 2000 was not "fully responsive." Accordingly, the applicant responds to the objections and comments of the USPTO as follows:

1. Earliest Publication of the Invention. The earliest publication date of the invention is the publication date of the International Application on December 7, 2000. This date is shown on the first page of the International Application WO 00/73236 A2, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A.

2. Substitute Specification. The USPTO objected to the Substitute Specification that was filed with the application. While the applicant believes that the Substitute Specification that was filed with the Preliminary Amendment was proper and consistent with MPEP procedures, in order to place the application in condition for review, the applicant requests that the specification that is reviewed by the USPTO be the official translation of the PCT application, WO 00/73236. This translation, containing handwritten amendments, was attached to the Preliminary Amendment of the application, as filed, as Exhibit A.

Attached to this Amendment as Exhibit B is a copy of that official translation of the PCT application without the handwritten amendments, along with a certification from the Translator that the translation is a true and correct translation of the PCT

application into English.

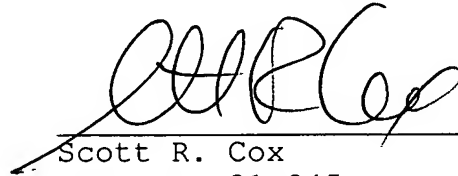
By use of this unamended translation, all questions concerning the correctness of the specification, as filed, and any amendments thereto have been made moot. Further, by use of this unamended specification, it is unnecessary to respond to any of the other questions that were raised concerning the hand-written amendments to the specification that was filed with the USPTO. Accordingly, please use the official translation of the PCT application (Exhibit B) as the Specification which is reviewed by the USPTO.

3) The Claims. The original claims that were contained in the unamended translation of the PCT application were Claims 1 - 10. In the Preliminary Amendment, the applicant requested the those claims be canceled and that new Claims 11 - 37 be entered. Those Claims 11 - 37 were attached to the Substitute Specification, which was Exhibit B of Preliminary Amendment. The applicant again requests that Claims 1 - 10 be cancelled and that Claims 11 - 37 be the claims that are substantially reviewed. The listing of the claims follows:

CONCLUSION

The applicant believes that he has responded to all issues raised by the USPTO in its Office Action. However, if there are any other questions, please contact applicant's counsel by telephone to resolve these issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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